

Operations on fuzzy ideals of Γ -semirings

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to introduce different types of operations on fuzzy ideals of Γ -semirings and to prove subsequently that these operations give rise to different structures such as complete lattice, modular lattice on some restricted class of fuzzy ideals of Γ -semirings. A characterization of a regular Γ -semiring has also been obtained in terms of fuzzy subsets.

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1 Introduction

If we remove the restriction of having additive inverse of each element in a ring then a new algebraic structure is obtained what we call a semiring. Semiring has found many applications in various fields. In this regard we may refer to Golan's [5] and Weinert's [6] monographs. Semiring arises very naturally as the nonnegative cone of a totally ordered ring. But the nonpositive cone of a totally ordered ring fails to be a semiring because the multiplication is no longer defined. One can provide an algebraic home, called Γ -semiring, to the nonpositive cone of a totally ordered ring. The notion of Γ -semiring was introduced by M.M.K.Rao [9] in 1995 as a generalization of semiring as well as of Γ -ring. Subsequently by introducing the notion of operator semirings of a Γ -semiring Dutta and Sardar enriched the theory of Γ -semirings. In

this connection we may refer to [3]. The motivation for this paper is the fact that Γ -semiring is a generalization of semiring as well as of Γ -ring and fuzzy concepts of Zadeh [10] has been successfully applied to Γ -rings and semirings by Jun et al [7] and Dutta et al [2], [1]. We define here some compositions of fuzzy ideals in a Γ -semiring and study the structures of the set of fuzzy ideals of a Γ -semiring. Among other results we have deduced that sets of fuzzy left ideals and fuzzy right ideals form a zero-sum free semiring with infinite element. We have also deduced that fuzzy ideals of a Γ -semiring is a complete lattice which is modular if every fuzzy ideal is a fuzzy k-ideal.

2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 [9] *Let S and Γ be two additive commutative semigroups. Then S is called a Γ -semiring if there exists a mapping $S \times \Gamma \times S \rightarrow S$ (images to be denoted by $a\alpha b$ for $a, b \in S$ and $\alpha \in \Gamma$) satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i) $(a + b)\alpha c = a\alpha c + b\alpha c$,
- (ii) $a\alpha(b + c) = a\alpha b + a\alpha c$,
- (iii) $a(\alpha + \beta)b = a\alpha b + a\beta b$,
- (iv) $a\alpha(b\beta c) = (a\alpha b)\beta c$ for all $a, b, c \in S$ and for all $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$.

Further, if in a Γ -semiring, $(S, +)$ and $(\Gamma, +)$ are both monoids and

- (i) $0_S \alpha x = 0_S = x \alpha 0_S$
- (ii) $x 0_\Gamma y = 0_S = y 0_\Gamma x$ for all $x, y \in S$ and for all $\alpha \in \Gamma$ then we say that S is a Γ -semiring with zero.

Throughout this paper we consider Γ -semiring with zero. For simplification we write 0 instead of 0_S and 0_Γ which will be clear from the context.

Definition 2.2 [10] *Let S be a non empty set. A mapping $\mu : S \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is called a fuzzy subset of S .*

Definition 2.3 [4] *Let μ be a non empty fuzzy subset of a Γ -semiring S (i.e. $\mu(x) \neq 0$ for some $x \in S$). Then μ is called a fuzzy left ideal [fuzzy right ideal] of S if*

- (i) $\mu(x + y) \geq \min[\mu(x), \mu(y)]$ and
- (ii) $\mu(x\gamma y) \geq \mu(y)$ [resp. $\mu(x\gamma y) \geq \mu(x)$] for all $x, y \in S, \gamma \in \Gamma$.

A fuzzy ideal of a Γ -semiring S is a non empty fuzzy subset of S which is a fuzzy left ideal as well as a fuzzy right ideal of S .

Definition 2.4 [5] *Let S be a non empty set and ‘+’ and ‘.’ be two binary operations on S , called addition and multiplication respectively. Then $(S, +, \cdot)$ is called a hemiring (resp. semiring) if*

- (i) $(S, +)$ is a commutative monoid with identity element 0;
- (ii) (S, \cdot) is a semigroup (resp. monoid with identity element 1);
- (iii) $a.(b + c) = a.b + a.c$ and $(b + c).a = b.a + c.a$ for all $a, b, c \in S$.
- (iv) $a.0 = 0.a = 0$ for all $a \in S$;
- (v) $1 \neq 0$.

A hemiring S is said to be zero-sum free if $a + b = 0$ implies that $a = b = 0$ for all $a, b \in S$.

An element a of a hemiring S is infinite iff $a + s = a$ for all $s \in S$.

For more on preliminaries we may refer to the references and their references.

3 Operations on fuzzy ideals

Throughout this paper unless otherwise mentioned S denotes a Γ -semiring with unities[3] and $FLI(S)$, $FRI(S)$ and $FI(S)$ denote respectively the set of all fuzzy left ideals, the set of all fuzzy right ideals and the set of all fuzzy ideals of the Γ -semiring S . Also in this section we assume that $\mu(0) = 1$ for a fuzzy left ideal (fuzzy right ideal, fuzzy ideal) μ of a Γ -semiring (Γ -hemiring) S .

Definition 3.1 Let S be a Γ -semiring and $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$ [$FRI(S)$, $FI(S)$]. Then the sum $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$, product $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2$ and composition $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2$ of μ_1 and μ_2 are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(x) &= \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)] : u, v \in S] \\
 &= 0 \text{ if for any } u, v \in S, u + v \neq x. \\
 (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2)(x) &= \sup_{x=u\gamma v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)] : u, v \in S; \gamma \in \Gamma] \\
 &= 0 \text{ if for any } u, v \in S \text{ and for any } \gamma \in \Gamma, u\gamma v \neq x. \\
 (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x) &= \sup_n [\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma] \\
 &\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\
 &= 0 \text{ otherwise.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note. Since S contains 0, in the above definition the case $x \neq u + v$ for any $u, v \in S$ does not arise. Similarly since S contains left and right unity, the case $x \neq \sum_i u_i \gamma_i v_i$ for any $u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma$ does not arise. In case of product of μ_1 and μ_2 if S has strong left or right unity [i.e., there exists $e \in S, \delta \in \Gamma$ such that $e\delta a = a$ for all $a \in S$] then the case $x \neq u\gamma v$ for any $u, v \in S$ and

for any $\gamma \in \Gamma$ does not arise. i.e., in otherwords there are $u, v \in S$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$ such that $x = u\gamma v$.

Proposition 3.2 *Let $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in FLI(S)[FRI(S), FI(S)]$. Then $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 \in FLI(S)[\text{resp. } FRI(S), FI(S)]$.*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. } (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(0) &= \sup_{0=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)] : u, v \in S] \\ &\geq \min[\mu_1(0), \mu_2(0)] = 1 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ is non empty and $(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(0) = 1$.

Let $x, y \in S$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(x + y) &= \sup_{x+y=p+q} [\min[\mu_1(p), \mu_2(q)] : p, q \in S] \\ &\geq \sup_{\substack{x=u+v \\ y=s+t}} [\min[\mu_1(u+s), \mu_2(v+t)] : u, v, s, t \in S] \\ &\geq \sup_{\substack{x=u+v \\ y=s+t}} [\min[\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(s)], \min[\mu_2(v), \mu_2(t)]] : u, v, s, t \in S] \\ &= \sup_{\substack{x=u+v \\ y=s+t}} [\min[\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \min[\mu_1(s), \mu_2(t)]] : u, v, s, t \in S] \\ &= \min[\sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)]], \sup_{y=s+t} [\min[\mu_1(s), \mu_2(t)]]] \\ &= \min[(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(x), (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(y)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(x\gamma y) &= \sup_{x\gamma y=p+q} [\min[\mu_1(p), \mu_2(q)]] \\ &\geq \sup_{y=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(x\gamma u), \mu_2(x\gamma v)]] \\ &\quad [\text{Since } x\gamma y = x\gamma(u+v) = x\gamma u + x\gamma v] \\ &\geq \sup_{y=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)]] = (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$.

Proposition 3.3 *Let $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLI(S)[FRI(S), FI(S)]$. Then*

- (i) $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 = \mu_2 \oplus \mu_1$.
- (ii) $(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2) \oplus \mu_3 = \mu_1 \oplus (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)$.
- (iii) $\theta \oplus \mu_1 = \mu_1 = \mu_1 \oplus \theta$ where θ is a fuzzy ideal of S , defined by,
$$\theta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$
- (iv) $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_1 = \mu_1$.
- (v) $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ and
- (vi) $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$ implies that $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_2 \oplus \mu_3$.

Proof. (i) We leave it as it follows easily.

(ii) Let $x \in S$.

$$\begin{aligned} ((\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2) \oplus \mu_3)(x) &= \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(u), \mu_3(v)] : u, v \in S] \\ &= \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\sup_{u=p+q} [\min[\mu_1(p), \mu_2(q)] : p, q \in S], \mu_3(v)]] \\ &= \sup_{x=u+v} \sup_{u=p+q} [\min[\min[\mu_1(p), \mu_2(q)], \mu_3(v)]] \\ &= \sup_{x=p+q+v} [\min[\mu_1(p), \mu_2(q), \mu_3(v)]] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can deduce that $(\mu_1 \oplus (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3))(x) = \sup_{x=p+q+v} [\min[\mu_1(p), \mu_2(q), \mu_3(v)]]$.

Therefore $(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2) \oplus \mu_3 = \mu_1 \oplus (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)$.

(iii) For any $x \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta \oplus \mu_1)(x) &= \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\theta(u), \mu_1(v)], \text{ for } u, v \in S] \\ &= \min[\theta(0), \mu_1(x)] = \mu_1(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\theta \oplus \mu_1 = \mu_1$. From (i) $\mu_1 \oplus \theta = \theta \oplus \mu_1 = \mu_1$.

(iv) Let $x \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_1)(x) &= \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v)], \text{ for } u, v \in S] \\ &\leq \sup_{x=u+v} \mu_1(u+v) = \mu_1(x) \end{aligned}$$

So $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again } \mu_1(x) &= \min[\mu_1(0), \mu_1(x)] \\ &\leq \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v)], \text{ for } u, v \in S] = (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_1)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_1$. Consequently, $\mu_1 = \mu_1 \oplus \mu_1$.

(v) Let $x \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(x) &= \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \text{ for } u, v \in S] \\ &\geq \min[\mu_1(x), \mu_2(0)] = \mu_1(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$.

(vi) Let $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$. and $x \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_3)(x) &= \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_3(v)], \text{ for } u, v \in S] \\ &\leq \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_2(u), \mu_3(v)], \text{ for } u, v \in S] = (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_2 \oplus \mu_3$.

Proposition 3.4 Let $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in FLI(S)[FRI(S), FI(S)]$. Then $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$ [resp. $FRI(S), FI(S)$].

Proof. Since $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(0)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\ &\geq \min[\mu_1(0), \mu_2(0)] = 1 \neq 0 \text{ [Since } \mu_1(0) = \mu_2(0) = 1], \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2$ is nonempty and $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(0) = 1$.

Now, for any $x, y \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x + y) \\
&= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\
& \quad x+y = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\
&\geq \sup \left[\min_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 \leq k \leq l}} [\min[\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)], \min[\mu_1(p_k), \mu_2(q_k)]]] : \right. \\
& \quad \left. x = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \gamma_i v_i, y = \sum_{k=1}^l p_k \gamma_k q_k, u_i, v_i, p_k, q_k \in S; \gamma_i \in \Gamma; m, l \in Z^+ \right] \\
&= \min \left[\sup_m \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq m} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, m \in Z^+ \right], \right. \\
& \quad \left. x = \sum_{i=1}^m u_i \gamma_i v_i \right. \\
& \quad \left. \sup_l \left[\min_{1 \leq k \leq l} [\min[\mu_1(p_k), \mu_2(q_k)]] : p_k, q_k \in S, \gamma_k \in \Gamma, l \in Z^+ \right] \right. \\
& \quad \left. y = \sum_{k=1}^l p_k \gamma_k v_k \right] \\
&= \min[(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x), (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(y)].
\end{aligned}$$

Now $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x \gamma y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\
& \quad x \gamma y = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\
&\geq \sup_m \left[\min_{1 \leq j \leq m} [\min[\mu_1(x \gamma s_j), \mu_2(t_j)]] \right] \\
& \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^m s_j \delta_j t_j \\
&\geq \sup_m \left[\min_{1 \leq j \leq m} [\min[\mu_1(s_j), \mu_2(t_j)]] \right] = (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(y) \\
& \quad y = \sum_{j=1}^m s_j \delta_j t_j
\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$

Proposition 3.5 *Let $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in FLI(S)[FRI(S), FI(S)]$. Then $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$.*

Proof. If for any $u, v \in S$ and for any $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $u \gamma v \neq x$ then $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$.

Now for any $x \in S$, $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x) =$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\
& x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i
\end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \sup_{x=u\gamma v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)]] = (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2)(x).$$

Thus $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$.

Proposition 3.6 *Let μ_1 be a fuzzy right ideal and μ_2 be a fuzzy left ideal of S . Then $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$.*

Proof. Let μ_1 be a fuzzy right ideal and μ_2 be a fuzzy left ideal of S . For $x \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2)(x) &= \sup_{x=u\gamma v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)] : u, v \in S] \leq \sup_{x=u\gamma v} [\min[\mu_1(u\gamma v), \mu_2(u\gamma v)]] \\ &\leq \sup_{x=u\gamma v} (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)(u\gamma v) = (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$.

The following is a characterization of a regular Γ -semiring in terms of fuzzy subsets.

Theorem 3.7 *A Γ -semiring S is multiplicatively regular[9] if and only if $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 = \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$ for every fuzzy right ideal μ_1 and every fuzzy left ideal μ_2 of S .*

Proof. Let S be a multiplicatively regular Γ -semiring and μ_1 be a fuzzy right ideal and μ_2 be a fuzzy left ideal of S . Then by Proposition 3.6, $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$. Let $c \in S$. Since S is multiplicatively regular, there exists an element x in S and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$ such that $c = c\gamma_1 x \gamma_2 c$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2)(c) &= \sup_{c=a\gamma b} [\min[\mu_1(a), \mu_2(b)] : a, b \in S; \gamma \in \Gamma] \\ &\geq \min[\mu_1(c\gamma_1 x), \mu_2(c)] \quad [\text{Since } c = (c\gamma_1 x)\gamma_2 c] \\ &\geq \min[\mu_1(c), \mu_2(c)] = (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)(c). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2) \subseteq \mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2$ and hence $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 = \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$.

Conversely, let S is a Γ -semiring and for every fuzzy right ideal μ_1 and every fuzzy left ideal μ_2 of S , $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 = \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$. Let L and R be a left ideal and a right ideal of S respectively and let $x \in L \cap R$.

So $\lambda_L(x) = 1 = \lambda_R(x)$. Thus $(\lambda_L \cap \lambda_R)(x) = 1$. Now since $\lambda_R \Gamma \lambda_L = \lambda_R \cap \lambda_L$, so $(\lambda_R \Gamma \lambda_L)(x) = 1$. Therefore $\sup_{x=y\gamma z} [\min[\lambda_R(y), \lambda_L(z)] : y, z \in S; \gamma \in \Gamma] = 1$.

Thus there exists some $r, s \in S$ and $\gamma_1 \in \Gamma$ such that $\lambda_L(s) = 1 = \lambda_R(r)$ for $x = r\gamma_1 s$. Then $r \in R$ and $s \in L$ and so $x = r\gamma_1 s \in R\Gamma L$. Therefore $L \cap R \subseteq R\Gamma L$. Also $L \cap R \supseteq R\Gamma L$. Thus $R\Gamma L = R \cap L$. Consequently, S is multiplicatively regular.

Proposition 3.8 *Let $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in FI(S)$. Then*

$$\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1, \mu_2.$$

Proof. By Proposition 3.5, $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$. For any $x \in S$, if $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x) = 0$ then obviously $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$. Now for any $x \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x) &= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\ &= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i \gamma_i v_i), \mu_2(u_i \gamma_i v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\ &\leq \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i \gamma_i v_i), \mu_2(u_i \gamma_i v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\ &= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i \gamma_i v_i), \mu_2(u_i \gamma_i v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\ &\leq \min[\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x)] = (\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)(x). \end{aligned}$$
Therefore $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$. Again $(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)(x) = \min[\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x)] \leq \mu_1(x)$. Thus $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1$. Similarly it can be shown that $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_2$. Hence the proposition.

Proposition 3.9 *Let $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLI(S)[FRI(S), FI(S)]$. Then $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_3$ if and only if $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_3$.*

Proof. Since $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ \mu_2$ it follows that $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_3$ implies that $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_3$. Assume that $\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_3$. Let $x \in S$ and

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i, u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \mu_3(x) &= \mu_3\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i\right) \\ &\geq \min[\mu_3(u_1 \gamma_1 v_1), \mu_3(u_2 \gamma_2 v_2), \dots, \mu_3(u_n \gamma_n v_n)] \\ &\geq \min[(\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2)(u_1 \gamma_1 v_1), (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2)(u_2 \gamma_2 v_2), \dots, (\mu_1 \Gamma \mu_2)(u_n \gamma_n v_n)] \\ &\geq \min[\min[\mu_1(u_1), \mu_2(v_1)], \dots, \min[\mu_1(u_n), \mu_2(v_n)]] \\ \mu_3(x) &\geq \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] \right] = (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x). \\ &= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i \gamma_i v_i), \mu_2(u_i \gamma_i v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_3$.

Proposition 3.10 *Let $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLI(S)[FRI(S), FI(S)]$. Then*

- (i) $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \circ \mu_3 = \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \circ \mu_3)$.
- (ii) $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$ implies that $\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$.
- (iii) $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 = \mu_2 \circ \mu_1$, if S is commutative Γ -semiring.
- (iv) $\mathbf{1} \circ \mu_1 = \mu_1$ where $\mathbf{1} \in FLI(S)$ is defined by $\mathbf{1}(x) = 1$ for all $x \in S$ [resp. $\mu_1 \circ \mathbf{1} = \mu_1, \mathbf{1} \circ \mu_1 = \mu_1 \circ \mathbf{1} = \mu_1$].

Proof. Proof of (i) follows from the definition.
(ii) Let $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$. Now $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_3)(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_3(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\
&\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\
&\leq \sup_n [\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_2(u_i), \mu_3(v_i)]]] = (\mu_2 \circ \mu_3)(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_2 \circ \mu_3$.

(iii) $(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\
&\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\
&= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_2(v_i), \mu_1(u_i)]] \right] \text{ if } S \text{ is commutative } \Gamma\text{-semiring} \\
&\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \gamma_i u_i \\
&= (\mu_2 \circ \mu_1)(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 = \mu_2 \circ \mu_1$.

(iv) As S is with left unity $\sum_i [e_i, \delta_i] \in L$ which is defined by

$\sum_i e_i \delta_i x = x$ (cf. Definition 5.1[3]) for every $x \in S$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathbf{1} \circ \mu_1)(x) &= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mathbf{1}(u_i), \mu_1(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\
&\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\
&= \sup_n [\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[1, \mu_1(v_i)]]] = \sup_n [\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mu_1(v_i)] \leq \sup_n [\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\mu_1(u_i \gamma_i v_i)]] \\
&\leq \mu_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \right) = \mu_1(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(\mathbf{1} \circ \mu_1) \subseteq \mu_1$. Again $(\mathbf{1} \circ \mu_1)(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mathbf{1}(u_i), \mu_1(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S; \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in Z^+ \right] \\
&\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\
&\geq \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mathbf{1}(e_i), \mu_1(x)]] \text{ [Since } \sum_j e_j \delta_j x = x] \\
&= \mu_1(x)
\end{aligned}$$

So $\mu_1 \subseteq \mathbf{1} \circ \mu_1$ and hence $\mathbf{1} \circ \mu_1 = \mu_1$.

The following result shows that ‘.’ distributive over ‘ \oplus ’ from both sides.

Proposition 3.11 Let $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLI(S)[FRI(S), FI(S)]$. Then

- (i) $\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) = \mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \oplus \mu_1 \circ \mu_3$, and
- (ii) $(\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) \circ \mu_1 = \mu_2 \circ \mu_1 \oplus \mu_3 \circ \mu_1$.

Proof. Since $\mu_2 \subseteq \mu_2 \oplus \mu_3$ therefore $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)$.

Similarly $\mu_1 \circ \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \oplus (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3) &\subseteq (\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)) \oplus (\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)) \\ &= (\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)). \end{aligned}$$

Now let $x \in S$ be arbitrary. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &[\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)](x) \\ &= \sup_n \left[\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3)(v_i)]] : u_i, v_i \in S, \gamma_i \in \Gamma, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \right] \\ &\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \gamma_i v_i \\ &= \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \sup_{v_i = r_i + s_i} [\min[\mu_2(r_i), \mu_3(s_i)]]]] \\ &= \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n} [\min[\mu_1(u_i), \mu_2(r_i), \mu_3(s_i)]] \\ &\quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i \gamma_i r_i + u_i \gamma_i s_i) \\ &\leq \sup_{1 \leq j \leq n} [\min[\min[\min_{1 \leq j \leq n} [\mu_1(p_j), \mu_2(q_j)]], \min[\min_{1 \leq k \leq m} [\mu_1(p'_k), \mu_3(q'_k)]]]] \\ &\quad x = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \delta_j q_j + \sum_{k=1}^m p'_k \delta'_k q'_k \\ &= \sup[\min[(\mu_1 \circ \mu_2)(u), (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3)(v)] : u = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \delta_j q_j \text{ and } v = \sum_{k=1}^m p'_k \delta'_k q'_k] \\ &= ((\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \oplus (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3))(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) \subseteq (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \oplus (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3)$.

Hence we conclude that $\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) = (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \oplus (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3)$.

Proof of (ii) follows similarly.

Theorem 3.12 *Let S be a Γ -semiring. Then $FLI(S)$ and $FRI(S)$ both are zero-sum free hemiring having infinite element 1 under the operations of sum and composition of fuzzy left ideals and fuzzy right ideals respectively.*

Proof. It is easy to see that $\theta \in FLI(S)$. Now by using Propositions 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.10, 3.11 for any $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLI(S)$, we easily obtain

- (i) $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$,
- (ii) $\mu_1 \circ \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$,
- (iii) $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 = \mu_2 \oplus \mu_1$,
- (iv) $\theta \oplus \mu_1 = \mu_1$,
- (v) $\mu_1 \oplus (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) = (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2) \oplus \mu_3$,
- (vi) $\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) = (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \oplus \mu_3$,
- (vii) $\mu_1 \circ (\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) = (\mu_1 \circ \mu_2) \oplus (\mu_1 \circ \mu_3)$,
- (viii) $(\mu_2 \oplus \mu_3) \circ \mu_1 = (\mu_2 \circ \mu_1) \oplus (\mu_3 \circ \mu_1)$.

Cosequently, $FLI(S)$ is a hemiring under the operations of sum and composition of fuzzy ideals of S .

Now by Proposition 3.3(v), $\mathbf{1} \subseteq \mathbf{1} \oplus \mu$ for $\mu \in FLI(S)$.

Also $(\mathbf{1} \oplus \mu)(x) = \sup_{x=y+z} [\min[\mathbf{1}(y), \mu(z)] : y, z \in S] \leq 1 = \mathbf{1}(x)$ for all $x \in S$.

Therefore $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mu \subseteq \mathbf{1}$ and hence $\mathbf{1} \oplus \mu = \mathbf{1}$ for all $\mu \in FLI(S)$.

Thus $\mathbf{1}$ is an infinite element of $FLI(S)$. Now let $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 = \theta$ for

$\mu_1, \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$. Then $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 = \theta \subseteq \mu_1$. Consequently, $\mu_1 = \theta$.

Similarly it can be shown that $\mu_2 = \theta$. Hence the hemiring $FLI(S)$ is zero-sum free.

In analogous manner we can proof the result for $FRI(S)$.

Remark. If S is a commutative Γ -semiring then $FLI(S)$ and $FRI(S)$ are semirings.

Corollary 3.13 *$FI(S)$ is a zero-sum free simple semiring under the operations of sum and composition of fuzzy ideals.*

Proof. By Proposition 3.10(iv) we have $\mathbf{1} \circ \mu = \mu \circ \mathbf{1} = \mu$ for all $\mu \in FI(S)$. Hence the result follows from the above theorem.

Lemma 3.14 *Intersection of a nonempty collection of fuzzy left ideals (resp. fuzzy right ideals, fuzzy ideals) is a fuzzy left ideal (resp. fuzzy right ideal, fuzzy ideal) of S .*

Proof. Let $\{\mu_i : i \in I\}$ be a nonempty family of fuzzy ideals of S . Let $x, y \in S$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i\right)(x + y) &= \inf_{i \in I} [\mu_i(x + y)] \geq \inf_{i \in I} [\min[\mu_i(x), \mu_i(y)]] \\ &= \min[\inf_{i \in I} [\mu_i(x)], \inf_{i \in I} [\mu_i(y)]] = \min[(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i)(x), (\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i)(y)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again } \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i\right)(x \gamma y) = \inf_{i \in I} [\mu_i(x \gamma y)] \geq \inf_{i \in I} [\mu_i(y)] = \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i\right)(y).$$

Thus $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i$ is a fuzzy left ideal of S .

Similarly we can prove the other statements.

Theorem 3.15 *Let μ_1 and μ_2 be two fuzzy left ideals (fuzzy right ideals, fuzzy ideals) of a Γ -semiring S . Then $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ is the unique minimal element of the family of all fuzzy left ideals (resp. fuzzy right ideals, fuzzy ideals) of S containing μ_1 and μ_2 and $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2$ is the unique maximal element of the family of all fuzzy left ideals (resp. fuzzy right ideals, fuzzy ideals) of S contained in μ_1 and μ_2 .*

Proof. Let $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in FLI(S)$. Then $\mu_1, \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ [cf. Proposition 3.3(v)]. Suppose $\mu_1 \subseteq \psi$ and $\mu_2 \subseteq \psi$ where $\psi \in FLI(S)$. Now for any $x \in S$,
 $(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(x) = \sup_{x=y+z} [\min[\mu_1(y), \mu_2(z)] : y, z \in S] \leq \sup [\min[\psi(y), \psi(z)]]$

$$\leq \sup \psi(y + z) = \psi(x)$$

Thus $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 \subseteq \psi$. Again $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2 \subseteq \mu_1, \mu_2$.

Let us suppose that $\phi \in FLI(S)$ be such that $\phi \subseteq \mu_1$ and $\phi \subseteq \mu_2$. Then for any $x \in S$,

$$(\mu_1 \cap \mu_2)(x) = \min[\mu_1(x), \mu_2(x)] \geq \min[\phi(x), \phi(x)] = \phi(x).$$

Thus $\phi \subseteq \mu_1 \cap \mu_2$. Uniqueness of $\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2$ and $\mu_1 \cap \mu_2$ with the stated properties are obvious.

Proofs of other cases follow similarly.

Theorem 3.16 *$FLI(S)$ [resp. $FRI(S)$, $FI(S)$] is a complete lattice.*

Proof. We define a relation ' \leq ' on $FLI(S)$ as follows: $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$ if and only if $\mu_1(x) \leq \mu_2(x)$ for all $x \in S$. Then $FLI(S)$ is a poset with respect to ' \leq '. By Theorem 3.15, every pair of elements of $FLI(S)$ has lub and glb in $FLI(S)$. Thus $FLI(S)$ is a lattice. Now $\mathbf{1} \in FLI(S)$ and $\mu \leq \mathbf{1}$ for all $\mu \in FLI(S)$. So $\mathbf{1}$ is the greatest element of $FLI(S)$. Let $\{\mu_i : i \in I\}$ be a non empty family of fuzzy left ideals of S . Then by Lemma 3.14, it follows that $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mu_i \in FLI(S)$.

Also it is the glb of $\{\mu_i : i \in I\}$. Hence $FLI(S)$ is a complete lattice.

Proofs of other cases follow similarly.

Proposition 3.17 *If S is a Γ -semiring then the lattice $(FLI(S), \oplus, \cap)$ $[(FRI(S), \oplus, \cap), (FI(S), \oplus, \cap)]$ is modular if each of its member is a fuzzy left k -ideal [resp. fuzzy right k -ideal, fuzzy k -ideal].*

Proof. Let us assume that every member of $FLI(S)$ is a fuzzy left k -ideal and $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3 \in FLI(S)$ such that $\mu_2 \cap \mu_1 = \mu_2 \cap \mu_3, \mu_2 \oplus \mu_1 = \mu_2 \oplus \mu_3$ and $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_3$. Then for any $x \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1(x) &= (\mu_1 \oplus \mu_1)(x) = \sup_{x=u+v} [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v)] : u, v \in S] \\ &\geq \sup [\min[\mu_1(u), (\mu_2 \cap \mu_1)(v)]] = \sup [\min[\mu_1(u), (\mu_2 \cap \mu_3)(v)]] \\ &= \sup [\min[\mu_1(u), \min[\mu_2(v), \mu_3(v)]]] = \sup [\min[\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \mu_3(v)]] \\ &\geq \sup [\min[\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \min[\mu_3(u+v), \mu_3(u)]]] \text{ [Since } \mu_3 \text{ is a left } k\text{-ideal].} \\ &\geq \sup [\min[\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \min[\mu_3(u+v), \mu_1(u)]]] \\ &= \sup [\min[\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)], \mu_3(u+v)]] \\ &= \min[\sup [\min[\mu_1(u), \mu_2(v)]], \sup [\mu_3(u+v)]] = \min[(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(x), \mu_3(x)] \\ &= \min[(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_3)(x), \mu_3(x)] = \mu_3(x) \text{ [Since } \mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1 \oplus \mu_3]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu_3 \subseteq \mu_1$ and hence $\mu_1 = \mu_3$. Hence $(FLI(S), \oplus, \cap)$ is modular.

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